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SUBJECT: **Response to On-hold Letter for Section 401 Water Quality Certification Application** for the proposed Greensboro Western Loop from north of SR 2176 (Bryan Boulevard) to SR 2303 (Lawndale Drive), Guilford County, North Carolina. Federal Aid Project No. STP-NHF-124(1), TIP Nos. U-2524C and D.

REFERENCE: Application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification dated February 26, 2013.

Per your on-hold letter, dated March 12, 2013, the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is currently addressing the issue that you had identified (needing copy of Indirect and Cumulative Analysis). While Indirect Cumulative Effects (ICE) studies were done in the project vicinity, a gap around the interchange area of US 220 (Battleground Avenue) was not included in any ICE studied areas. A Technical Memorandum addendum to address the ICE shortcomings will be completed and submitted to the N.C. Division of Water Quality by April 8, 2013. Once received, we hope that this new information addresses all of your concerns regarding this project and will allow you to proceed with processing the permit application.

A copy of this on-hold response packet will be posted on the NCDOT Website at: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx> when completed. Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Greg Price at either gwprice@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6148.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. J. Thorpe".

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